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Subject: Docket # OPP-2003-0072 Atrazine IRED - Ban atrazine now

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Pesticide Programs  
Information Resources and Services Division (7502C)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re : Docket # OPP-2003-0072 Atrazine IRED - Ban atrazine now

Dear Administrator Whitman and EPA Staff,

After the studies of this chemicals violent reaction with humans and animals, I urge the EPA to remove atrazine from the market as soon as possible.

Studies show that this dangerous herbicide disrupts normal hormone activity, interfering with wildlife reproduction and development. Frogs exposed to atrazine at a level one-thirtieth of the EPA's current drinking water standard develop severe sexual deformities. Atrazine has also been associated with prostate cancer in men, and with a range of other cancers in lab animals and humans.

The rise in cancer to humans and animals in my area alone is unbelievable, to continue the use of such a vile chemical is a heinous act of betrayal to the people of this country.. It is criminal to expose humans and animals to such health issues.

We are in a rural area , we all drink well water and I find it deplorable our own government and the EPA would put our families in such danger.

While the cost of removing atrazine from drinking water is passed on to consumers, the herbicide continues to pollute the nation's waters, threatening aquatic plants and animals.

This chemical is not being removed from well water. Which is why so many in our community have suffered and died from cancer. Do you , drinking safe water, really find this abuse acceptable ? Then please visit our area and sit down and have a ice cold drink of our well water and enjoy what you apparently feel is ok for our families.

I expect the EPA to protect the nation's water supply from toxic contaminants.  
Again, I urge the EPA to ban atrazine now.

Sincerely,

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"If people destroy something replaceable made by mankind, they are called vandals; if they destroy something irreplaceable made by God, they are called developers."  
-Joseph Wood Krutch